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(INT/92/903) - Promotion of TCDC through Inter-Country Workshops

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	24 June 1992
Expected duration:	12 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Governments/Institutions of Developing Countries
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$662 000 Source of funds: SPR
Total UNDP budget:	$662 000

Project background

The above-mentioned project reflects the continuation of promotion workshops that were supported in 1991 as part of the project entitled "Support for the Promotion of TCDC" (INT/91/901). At its special session in February 1992, UNDP's Governing Council approved the programming document for TCDC and allocated (US) $15 million from the Special Programme Resources for its implementation during 1992-1996. The resources are to be used for TCDC promotional and catalytic purposes and in response to specific requests from the participating countries.

The programming document for TCDC provides for priority attention to be given to requests from developing countries in the following areas of concentration: (a) human resources development with focus on management and training; (b) sharing and adaptation of technology; (c) South-South trade; (d) policy formulation on important topics of common interest such as structural adjustment, debt management, poverty alleviation, urbanization; and (e) agriculture and food security.

The document further stipulates that during the Fifth Cycle greater attention to be paid to the facilitation of the exchange of experiences and expertise in areas of common developmental concern to developing countries. A number of workshops were organized as part of (INT/83/904) Umbrella Project for Action-Oriented TCDC and more recently, under (INT/91/901) Support for the

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promotion of TCDC. The workshops to be supported by this project have been carefully reviewed and fall in the priority areas identified in the SPR Programming document for TCDC viz food and agriculture; South-South trade, privatisation and management.

Description of project

The project will fund the organisation of a total of twelve workshops eight of which are on specific development issues of common concern to developing countries. Four are regional workshops to strengthen the functioning of national TCDC focal points. One high level consultative meeting will review the progress of the TCDC modality since the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) of 1978. This workshop is in response to Decision 7/9 of the High Level Committee on the Review of TCDC (HLC) at its Seventh session in May 1991. The decision calls for a meeting to review the status of TCDC.

The eight workshops on development issues are being organized in response to requests from governments and in consultations with the Regional Bureaux. All the workshops will deal with the following issues: food processing technology; air transport; and aid coordination in Africa; rural energy and privatization in Asia and Pacific, South-South trade and external debt in Latin America and the Caribbean; and review of the status of TCDC by an expert group.

Inputs

UNDP will provide funds for short-term consultants to prepare background discussion papers and for the production and distribution of the reports of the workshops and travel and DSA for participants from developing countries,. Host governments or institutions will bear the local costs associated with the organization of the workshops including conference facilities, local transport, secretarial and administrative costs.

Financial data

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National consultants	20 000
Mission costs	12 000
Workshops	583 000
Miscellaneous	47 000
Total	662 000

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